

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 14-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 The card processing unit 27 includes a magnetic storage recording unit 271 and a thermal storage recording unit 273.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 16-21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 The magnetic storage recording unit 271 includes a magnetic head, records and reads information on and from the magnetic recording side 11B of the recording card 11, under the control of the controller 29. The magnetic storage recording unit 271 updates information recorded on the magnetic recording side 11B of the recording card 11, under the control of the controller 29.

~~Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 22-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:~~

The thermal storage recording unit 273 includes a thermal head, erases the information recorded on the message recording side 11A of the recording card 11, and writes new information thereon, under the control of the controller 29.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 9-11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A3 The condition table 221 stores information representing "name" of each target school to which students may ~~be to~~ apply and "entrance-exam date" of the school, in association with each other.

~~Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 12-16, with the following rewritten paragraph:~~

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The condition table 223 stores information representing "remaining days" before the entrance exam and "encouraging comment" in association with each other. Each of the students is given ~~with the~~ an encouraging comment in accordance with the remaining days before the entrance exam.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 13-20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Specifically, the controller 29 controls the magnetic ~~storage~~ recording unit 271 to record attribute information of the newly-registered student on the magnetic recording side 11B of the recording card 11. Further, the controller 29 controls the thermal ~~storage~~ recording unit 273 to record the name of the newly-registered student and his/her student number on the message recording side 11A of the recording card 11. At the time the card is issued, the record-information included in the attribute information is set into an initial state.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 13-16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The controller 29 controls the magnetic ~~storage~~ recording unit 271 to read out attribute information recorded on the magnetic recording side 11B of the inserted recording card 11, and stores the read attribute information in the storage unit 25 as attribute information 201.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 18, lines 19-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A6 The controller 29 executes the above-described message providing process, and controls the magnetic ~~storage~~ recording unit 273 to record the attribute information 201 including updated record-information, on the magnetic recording side 11B of the recording card 11. By so doing, the attribute information recorded on the magnetic recording side 11B of the recording card 11 is updated.

Please replace the paragraph at page 23, lines 1-2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A7 The message recording method is arbitrary, as long as a visible message can repeatedly be recorded on the card.